

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The Office Action of October 6, 2009, has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Claims 1-6, 8, 15 and 19-21 have been amended. No claims have been canceled. Claims 7 and 14 were previously canceled. Claims 1-6, 8-13, and 15-26 therefore remain pending. Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The amendments made in this supplemental amendment remove unnecessary claim limitations, and do not affect the arguments previously submitted on December 7, 2009.

Based on the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request entry of this supplemental amendment prior to a next action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

**BANNER & WITCOFF, LTD.**

Dated: December 9, 2009

By:           /Ross Dannenberg/            
Ross A. Dannenberg  
Reg. No. 49,024  
1100 13th Street, N.W.  
Suite 1200  
Washington, D.C. 20005-4051  
Tel: (202) 824-3000  
Fax: (202) 824-3001